

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the abstract with the following rewritten abstract.

--The present invention concerns a method of protecting plants from pathogen-fungal attack through synergistic disease resistance attained by applying a conventional microbicide to immunomodulated plants. Immunomodulated plants are those in which SAR is activated and are therefore referred to as "SAR-on" plants. Immunomodulated plants may be provided ~~in at least three different ways: by applying to plants a chemical inducer of SAR such as BTH, INA, or SA;~~ through a selective breeding program based on constitutive expression of SAR genes and/or a ~~disease-resistant phenotype;~~ or by transforming plants with one or more SAR genes such as a functional form of the *NIM1* gene. By concurrently applying a microbicide to an immunomodulated plant, disease resistance is unexpectedly synergistically enhanced; i.e., the level of disease resistance is greater than the expected additive levels of disease resistance.--

On page 1, please replace the title with the following rewritten title.

--METHOD OF PROTECTING PLANTS FOR CONFERRING FUNGAL RESISTANCE ON A PLANT--

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